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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment:

• Claims 1 - 6, 21 - 26, 35 - 40, 55 and 56 were pending in the present application.

Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below:

- Claims 1-6, 21-26, 36-40, 55 and 56 will be pending; and
- Claim 35 will be canceled.

1. Section 102 Rejection over Beaulieu

Claim 35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0064782 to Beaulieu et al. ("Beaulieu" herein). Although Applicants maintain the position, from the response to the previous Office Action, that Beaulieu does not anticipate claim 35 for the reasons discussed in the previous response, Applicants have cancelled claim 35 herein. Applicants have cancelled claim 35 herein without prejudice or disclaimer, solely to expedite allowance of the remaining claims. Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter of claim 35 in a continuing application.

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2. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1 - 6, 21 - 26, 36 - 40, 55 and 56 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Conclusion

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to <u>Deposit</u>

<u>Account No. 50-0271</u>. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required,
please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this

Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to <u>Deposit</u>

<u>Account No. 50-0271</u>.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Magdalena M. Fincham at telephone number (203) 461 – 7041 or via electronic mail at mfincham@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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